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subsequent to her marriage in Russia, and that she had not been so contacted in the United States. She said she had made application with the appropriate Russian officials to obtain appropriate documentation to leave the country. She said she has nothing against Russia nor against the United States. She said she would not carry out an espionage or intelligence assignment for either country if she were asked because she wants to lead a simple plain life.

On December 9, 1963, MARINA was questioned as to why the Soviets had permitted her to leave Russia. She said when she first applied for permission from the Russian Government to leave Russia, she did not have high hopes of being able to depart. She said she had not heard of any specific difficulties which had to be overcome by a Russian citizen requesting permission to live abroad, but she thought she would have a hard time obtaining this permission. She received a standard letter from authorities in answer to her initial request for an exit permit. Following this, she received on about New Year's of 1962 a communication from the Russian Government that permission would be granted her to depart for the United States. She received her actual exit permit in May, 1962. In this connection, MARINA OSWALD advised on December 9, 1963, she does not believe OSWALD had any trouble obtaining official Russian documentation to depart Russia. She said generally speaking foreigners who reside in Russia do not have any difficulty in this regard. She feels sure there was no deal between OSWALD and Russia for OSWALD to furnish information to them in return for being permitted to leave Russia. She said OSWALD had been given certain preferential treatment while in Russia, which most foreigners are allowed. For example, he was permitted to live in an apartment rather than a dormitory while in Minsk, while probably it would have been better that he be required to live in a dormitory so he would know what Russian life was like.

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Subject advised on November 30, 1963, her uncle and aunt in Minsk had discussed with her her possibilities of getting married, and her uncle was opposed to an early

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